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Dear Don:

I have your gracious letter of 10 June 1965 requesting the services of [redacted] for the next year in connection with activities of the Office of Science and Technology. As you know, he is presently Assistant Director in charge of our Office of [redacted] in which we are concentrating most of our computer applications in CIA, and I have discussed this request carefully with my Deputy, Dr. Wheeler. Our general reaction to such a request would be positive, as we believe it important both to support intragovernment enterprises and to give our own people a broader exposure to Government operations.

A special problem arises in [redacted] case. He has an able deputy, [redacted], who could normally shoulder his responsibilities for this period. Unfortunately, [redacted] is leaving CIA and the Government this summer for family reasons, and this is a major loss. There is really no one else in that office who can step up to take [redacted] place. Were we to send [redacted] off on a year's assignment, we would create a very serious lack of leadership in the over-all CIA program for application of Automatic Data Processing techniques to the intelligence problem. I believe this to be one of our most pressing problems, and trust that you will understand my reluctance to move backward on it.

Sincerely,

/s/ "Red"
W. F. Raborn

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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10 June 1965

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Dear Admiral Raborn:

I regret that our phone conversation was so hurried today, and I appreciate your willingness to give my request further consideration. Perhaps this letter can give you some of the added information you need.

I am interested in the possibility of your lending the Office of Science and Technology the services of your [redacted] Assistant Director for [redacted] for about one year. The job I have in mind would fully challenge and utilize Mr. [redacted] talents and experience in information transfer technology.

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His specific duties would include:

- Through the mechanism of the Federal Council for Science and Technology, act for OST to provide leadership, coordination, and evaluation of the total national R&D program in information transfer technology.
- Act for OST in relations with the library community, including spearheading a study of the U. S. medical library system.
- Assist Mr. William T. Knox, of OST, in our national information systems planning.

This office has assumed the primary responsibility for mounting a broad attack on the problems of information systems supporting science and technology. Mr. Knox, my senior assistant in this area, has a very high regard for Mr. [redacted]'s ability. It appears to me that [redacted] training, experience, and interests

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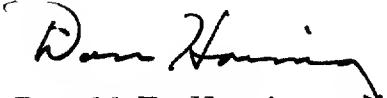
complement those of Mr. Knox very well, and I think the two of them would be able to accomplish a great deal together.

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I recognize that [redacted] fills an important job in the CIA, and we will be glad to try to help you find a replacement if you feel it desirable to go outside your own organization.

I will be back in Washington about June 21, and will call you then. If you wish to get in touch with Mr. Knox before then, please feel free to do so.

Sincerely,


Donald F. Hornig
Director

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